

# Provo Readies 'Main Street' Bid

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September may be a month of historical significance for Provo's historic downtown district, as developers plan to put in a bid to become a "Main Street" town.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation created a Main Street revitalization project in 1977 that helped rekindle commercial spirit in 100 towns by attracting rehabilitation and preservation monies.

The project gave birth to an official headquarters, the four-year-old National Main Street Center (NMSC) in Washington, D.C., which has a four-point program to revive slumping city centers.

The Provo Chamber of Commerce, Provo Town Square and Brigham Young University will sponsor a teleconference on "Revitalizing Downtown" Sept. 18. It is produced by the National Trust for Historic Preservation for nationwide broadcast.

The public is invited to attend the 5 1/2-hour program, beamed from Washington between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to viewers at the Little Theater in the Wilkinson Center on campus, Room 321. There will be a \$10 registration fee.

"Anyone interested in preserving historical features of the downtown shouldn't miss it," said Kevin Mortenson, chairman of the Provo Chamber of Commerce redevelopment committee.

Provo, Mortenson said, would be a good candidate for the Main Street town program,

downtown parks and things. We have tremendous design," Mortenson said.

"Provo is not a Main Street town, but we hope to be someday," he said. "While we have no strong downtown organization, there are some people who come through every time for the downtown who are



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which has tough criteria for cities to qualify.

"Provo has some big strengths, a lot of strengths in its downtown — government offices, utilities companies — all the services are down here that you need, plus we have

holding us together."

Towns eligible for aid from the Main Street center are chosen at the state level by competitive selection among five candidate towns.

To be considered, Provo would have to hire a coordinator to work with the govern-

ment and private agencies to attract revitalization monies, which Mortenson believes is a good idea.

"There's nobody who thinks of just the downtown right now," he said.

The Main Street office arranged for a representative of their revitalization project, Richfield Mayor Sue Marie Young, to talk with state officials sometime in September to see about getting Utah involved in the national program, according to Mortenson.

NMSC approaches economic revival in four basic steps: organization, promotion, economic restructuring and design.

The center points to 30 Main Street towns that have realized more than \$127 million in re-investments and count 920 business expansions or new openings in their city centers since joining the program.

The towns involved rehabilitate and reuse existing buildings and form work groups to promote downtown businesses to shoppers, investors and visitors.

Michael Ainslie, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, says ultimately the Main Street efforts result in more jobs, an expanded tax base and a better quality of life for residents.



Provo revitalization will be subject of Sept. 18 teleconference.



# Midgley's Plea Based Upon His Intentions

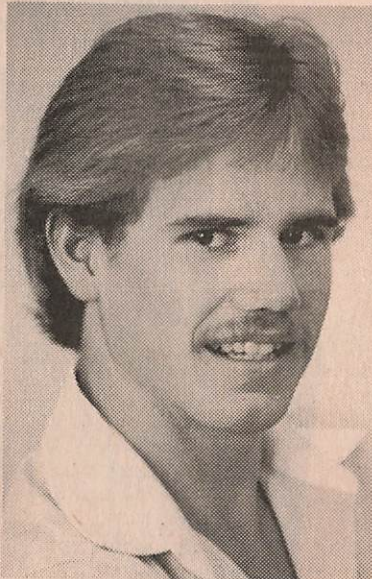
NEPHI — Roger J. Midgley, 20, will be sentenced in Fourth District Court by Judge J. Robert Bullock Sept. 25. Bullock is the judge who heard the Patty Gunn trial.

Miss Mann was acquitted of two charges by a jury of seven women and one man Aug. 9. Midgley pled an additional charge of ag-

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grated assault but in a plea bargain negotiated by Bradley H. Salt Lake, Midgley's attorney, and Don Eyre Jr., Juab County attorney, only the aggravated assault charge will remain. The other two charges were dropped when Midgley agreed to plead guilty to the lesser charge Wednesday.

"I think this will accomplish what needed to be accomplished. It will put Mr. Midgley into the



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Center resisted arrest and a scuffle began.

The officer was bruised in the incident, but the suspect reportedly was uninjured in the short fight.

# Orem Grants Zoning Change To Benefit Gymnastics School

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The first coach of Olympic gold medalist Peter Vidmar and the club which has produced three of America's top 20 gymnasts will stay in Orem as a result of a zone change granted Tuesday by the Orem City Council.

"Had they said 'no' we would have been packing up and moving," said Brad Cattermole of All American Gymnastics. "There is no place (in Provo-Orem to locate) outside that one. We checked for six months."

All American relocated from 300 E. 300 North to 245 S. Meadows Drive (near Geneva Iron Works) three months ago. The old site was owned by Challenger Pre-School and that company was expanding.

Before All American opened at the new location, Cattermole said, the company asked city personnel if the site was zoned to allow for gymnastics.

Then, almost one month later,

the city hired a zoning inspector. "He checked it out and said it does not meet the requirements," Cattermole said.

Tuesday's decision by the city council changed zoning for the area where All American is from M-2 (industrial manufacturing) to M-1 (light manufacturing).

The council then amended its ordinance to allow gymnasiums and athletic clubs to be conditional uses in M-1 zones.

And, finally, the council approved a conditional use permit for All American.

Cattermole was the coach who started Vidmar in gymnastics. The coach is a former Brigham Young University gymnast.

His club currently claims three of the top 20 female gymnasts in the nation. The trio, 14-year-old Shelly Schaerrer, 14-year-old Marianne Williams and 15-year-old Darlene Jensen were not old enough for the U.S. Olympic squad this year.

No female gymnasts younger

than the three are ranked above them, Cattermole noted.

The club regularly produces state champions in both men's and women's competition.

"They can take our children to any level of excellence they desire," said Carol Young, wife of BYU coach Wayne Young, while urging the council to approve the zone change.

Dee Dee Perkins presented a petition with about 155 signatures asking the city to allow All American to remain in the Orem Geneva Industrial Park.

"The facility is even better than what BYU has if they are allowed to complete it," said Barbara Schaerrer, mother of Shelly.

She said she looked for six months before locating the site for All American. "To find a building large enough that you can afford (in Provo-Orem) is almost unheard of," she said.

Rates in commercial zones were too expensive, she said.

Cattermole later noted the

building is "much nicer" than the building All American previously leased. It is 10,000 square feet to 9,600 for the old site and is to have a whirlpool, physical therapy room, taping room and a physical therapist, none of which were at the previous site, Cattermole said.

Cattermole said he expects to have 700 students enrolled this fall. The club usually has about 400 and has not previously had more than 500, he said, noting about two-thirds of the growth is because of media coverage of gymnastics during the Olympics.

Cattermole told the council virtually all gymnasts on the U.S. Olympic squad came from clubs located in industrial parks. The All American backers argued gymnastics does not produce enough revenue to allow for a building which would be suitable in more visible locations.

The All American building is metal with an improved front.

# U.S. Steel Ore Mine Will Close

LANDER, Wyo. (UPI) — U.S. Steel has announced it is selling its closed Atlantic City iron ore mine southwest of Lander to a

of intent to sell has been reached with Universal Equipment Co., of Fremont, Ohio.

McKenzie declined to discuss

southern tip of the scenic Wind River Mountains, for mining purposes.

550 miners out of work.

For more than 20 years, the Atlantic City mine had shipped